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OF: VAN DE WEG ET AL. CONFIRMATION NO.: 2674

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TITLE: METHOD FOR PARTIALLY AND SELECTIVELY HYDROGENATING

POLYMERS MADE OF CONJUGATED DIENES

## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir,

In response to the non-final office action mailed on December 28, 2006, please reconsider the application in view of Applicants' remarks below.